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## Poetry.



### SELECTED TALES.

#### ELISE DE VAUX; OR, A NEW YEAR'S TALE.

BY FANNY FENN.

"Well, doctor, what do you think of her? She has set her heart upon going to that New Year's Ball, and it will never do to disappoint her, poor thing!"

The blunt old doctor bit his lip impatiently, and striking his gold-headed cane in a very gentle manner upon the floor, said,

"Think I! I think it would be perfect insanity for her to attempt it. I won't be answerable for the consequences."

"Pshaw! my dear sir; she has had a dozen attacks before, quite as bad, and—"

"And that is the very reason she should be more cautious now. Madam. Good morning—good morning! Heaven save me from these fashionable mothers," he muttered as he banged the door to behind him. "She'll kill the girl, and then her death will be laid to my door—ugh!—it would be a comfort if one could meet a sensible woman having been caught by the dazzling vision."

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The lecture was opened with a description of the position and character of the islands composing the Empire of Japan, drawn from the works of Kaesper, Golowin, Remusat, Rodriguez and other well-known authors, whose writings on this subject, until recently, have scarce been known to exist.

The numbers of the Japanese next received attention. The difference in casts, the contrast between the brutal, spying officer of the government and the mild and peaceful citizen, who delights in the society of ladies of his rank and one fond of ease—were each in turn brought forward. The Japanese are known to be kind and courteous in his manner and language, and when not roused to a degree that impels him to run the dreaded “muck,” leads a simple, harmless and monotonous life. The next point in order was their religion—the Shinto—sprung as it is asserted by the natives, from the Sun goddess, for whom their Islands were drawn up from the bottom of the sea by the last of seven royal gods, (who lived each a million years,) and handed down through her son, the first Miendo and his descendants. Their emblems, and idols were also made mention of, and the early visits of Xavier and his catholic confederates; the great success and final overthrow and destruction of all Christians, the Dutch excepted; who, for their seal in aiding the Emperor in his work of destruction, have ever since been confined to the small island, Desima, in the harbor of Nagasaki. The government, as far as known, in turn received its full share of attention, especially its more striking points; such, for instance, as the helpless position and empty honors of the Miendo, and the limits affixed to the authority of the Zieggen, while the council is by far the most powerful. The universal system of espionage was touched upon, and examples given, as also of their mode of wiping out a supposed injury and their extreme care in preserving their integrity from the slightest stain.

Other interesting points were brought up and discussed with that ability which has always characterized the Lecture's efforts and after having traced their history in a manner so satisfactory, he dwelt upon the importance of having the Empire thrown open to the commerce of the world; the value of the coal mines now kept from our ships, and the certainty of ultimately breaking down their “dog in the manger” policy. Then, taking a higher view, as he led his hearers to consider the mission now on its way to Japan, as one that would open the doors to admit Christianity and give the word of God to the heathen. His peroration was beautiful, but we must own that it was better suited for an audience composed wholly of adherents to the Church of England, than for one embracing Jews and Gentiles, with a sprinkling of Dutchmen.

The following persons, 70 years of age and upwards, have died in Newport during the past year: Peter East, 93 Elizabeth May, 84 Daniel Peckham, 94 Mary Hazard, 84 Dennis Bailey, 91 Susan Corp, 84 Martha Halloway, 99 Mary Dupuy, 83 Humphrey Wedden, 88 Ann Smith, 80 Violet Flagg, 83 Harry Whitcomb, 80 Mary Bates, 87 James Mumford, 78 Win. Caswell, 87 Ann S. Howland, 77 Daniel Witherspoon, 86 Nancy Malbone, 76 Sarah Maxon, 85 Susan Springer, 74 Fanny Helpens, 85 Ann Willibor, 72 Susannah Coggeshall, 84 Sarah Brown, 72 Abby H. Boss, 84 Martha Sherman, 72 Charlotte Carr, 84 Martha C. Sherman, 70 Luan Dennis, 84 These ages combined make a total of 2385 years, which divided among 23 gives an average of 82 years, 9 months, 3 weeks and 3 days. Whole number of deaths for the year 114. Of this number 22 died at 10 years and under, leaving 49 deaths between the ages of 10 and 10 during a twelve-month.

Whole number of deaths in 1851. 113 over seventy, 40 under ten, 30 Average age over 70, 81 years, 6 months, 12 days. Whole number of deaths over 70 in 1850, 28, average age, 78 years, 5 months, 4 days.

LIST FOR FORTNIGHT.

Elizabeth Brownell, 89 James Albro, 75 David Earl, 83 Benjamin Peckham, 72 Henry Headley, 78 MIDDLETOWN.

Benj. T. Sheffield, 81 J. Bailey Hall, 70 Lois Anthony, 80 TIVERTON.

Enoch Chase, 91 Elizabeth Wing, 80 Martha Lake, 85 Job Lake, 76 Mary Cornell, 83 Ichabod Eddy, 72 Oliver Chase, 83 Phoebe Coggeshall, 81 Dudley Palmer, 81 LITTLE COMPTON.

Esther Manchester, 93 Judith Shaw, 75 Abigail Shaw, 85 Peleg Brownell, 72 Benj. Davenport, 78

The Town Meeting, called on Saturday last, was adjourned to Tuesday, at which time the meeting was called to order by the Moderator, when a motion to postpone indefinitely the consideration of the City Charter, was lost. It was subsequently voted to refer the subject matter to the following committee, selected from the different wards—Thomas R. Hunter, Charles Brownell, F. B. Peckham, W. D. Lake, H. E. Turner, Milton Hall, S. W. Macy, Joseph Lyon, Clark Burdick and Silas H. Cottrell.

Other business attended to—reading a report from Commissioners of Newport Asylum, attended with a request that members of Legislature from this town be instructed to bring before that body a petition asking the right to connect Coasters Harbor Island with Rhode Island by a substantial bridge. A memorial asking for a Reservoir at the foot of the Parade, to catch the waste water from the Fountain, Laid on the table. The passage of several bills and the referring one for repairs of Engine No. 4 to the Fire Wardens. Adjourned to Wednesday, the 11th instant.

W<sup>th</sup> this number we at once open upon a new volume and the New Year, and on this auspicious day we wish our readers, one and all, the compliments of the season. Thus far have we run altogether happily, and may each and all welcome many similar returns. The Mercury has coursed through a long series of years and has survived all but two of its compatriots of colonial times. It has never lacked support, and at the present time its circulation is both flattering and profitable to the publishers. Old friends hold to it, many dating back a period of sixty, and in one instance seventy years, and new ones have voluntarily expressed their approval by becoming its supporters. To all of these we return thanks, and while we promise nothing for the future we shall still labor to perform the task assigned us in a satisfactory manner.

On Wednesday at 2-1/2 P. M., as Mr. J. Appleby Williams was engaged in taking a daguerreotype of the Lily Pond, and the beach to the south of it, a large ocean steamer was seen about sixty miles off (the day was remarkably clear) pitching in a heavy sea and steering west. Mr. Williams took the view at the time and the steamer is seen on the horizon.

Will our New York friends inform us where the Pacific was about that time. Nine and a half hours later she arrived at that city.

On Friday morning the Light Boat, to be stationed off Brinton's Reef, was launched from Cottrell's ship yard. She is a fine looking craft, very sharp and smoothly built, and will calculate to ride securely in that exposed situation. Her dimensions are as follows; length, twenty-six feet and depth of eleven feet. As soon as completed she will be towed out to her station.

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NEWTON BROTHERS  
offer for sale the following extensive stock of  
Fresh Groceries, just received per  
slops  
RIENZI,  
VIGILANT & EXCEL.

600 Bals Extra and Superior Flour,  
250 Bals Extra Black-wheat,  
5 Lbs New Rice,  
100 Boxes Cotten Mills Flour,  
62 Boxes Brown Banana Sugar,  
50 Bals Stewart Refined Sugar,  
20 Bals " Crushed and Leaf Sugar,  
25 Bals Rio and Java Coffee,  
15 Boxes Ground Coffee,  
100 Packages choice and fresh Teas,  
45 Firkins Dried Butter,  
25 Tubs Leaf Lard,  
50 Casks and Boxes Western Cheese,  
500 Bals fine Salt,  
2 Cases Table Salt,  
100 Boxes Extra and Chemical Soap,  
10 Boxes Castle Soap,  
25 Boxes Extra Pearl Starch,  
20 Boxes Glutinous,  
Cone Linseed and American Mustard,  
20 Boxes Pepper Sauce,  
15 Boxes Beans,  
25 Boxes Southern Peanuts,  
5 Boxes Lemons,  
10 Boxes Citron,  
20 Kgs Pure Ground Ginger,  
35 Boxes Ground Spices,  
10 Bals Cigars, Pepper and Pimento,  
30 Boxes Soda Biscuit,  
10 Bals Pilot Bread,  
25 Jars Macaroni Snuff,  
10 Bals Smoking Tobacco,  
100 Bundles Brooms,  
100 Boxes Wrapping Paper,  
200 Bals Cider Vinegar,  
— ALSO —  
Ground Rice, Pearl Barley, Hominy, Farina,  
Arrow Root, Coopers Icinglass, Cream O' Tartar,  
Baking Powder, Sugar Honey Syrup, East India  
Preserves, Guava Jelly, Sardines, Prepared Co-  
coa, Olive Oil, Fancy Soaps, Almonds, Raisins,  
Curants, Essences, Nutmegs, Mace, &c., &c.  
Nov. 13.

JAMES W. LYON,  
PLUMBER, BRASS FOUNDER & COPPER SMITH,  
No. 228, THAMES STREET,  
NEWPORT, R. I.

He is constantly on hand a variety of Force and  
Lift Pumps, of his own manufacture, which  
he warrants equal, if not superior to any before  
offered in this market.

Also, Water Closets, Wash Bowls, Crotton and  
Cochinette Faucets, and every description of  
Plumbing Materials of various qualities and  
prices, as cheap as can be bought elsewhere.

Also, Pure block Tin Pipe, warranted not to  
fire the water in any way and fitted in the best  
style to Pumps and all other purposes.

Having procured the services of an experienced  
Plumber, he is prepared to execute all orders in  
his line with neatness and dispatch.

Lead Pipe and Sheet Lead of various sizes on  
hand, also all kinds of Brass and Composition  
Castings made to order. Ship Castings of all  
kinds on hand and made to order at short no-  
tice.

JAMES W. LYON.

Having been appointed agent of the Hudson  
Gutta Percha Manufacturing Co., is now pre-  
pared to furnish any quantity of Gutta Percha  
pipe, and sheet do.; this pipe will be fitted to any  
of the uses to which lead has been applied. For  
conveying cold water possesses many advan-  
tages over lead as it is not affected by any of the  
acids or alkalies, it is entirely tasteless, does not  
affect any kind of water, will not rot and cannot  
burst by frost. The sheet may be applied to any use  
to which sheet lead may be applied, and  
peculiarly adapted to lining water tanks and res-  
ervoirs and also for water closet work.

Grateful for past favors, he hopes by strict  
attention to his business to merit the approbation  
of his customers. All work warranted not  
to fail until worn out.

April 17, 1852.

NEW  
Plumbing Establishment.

THE SUBSCRIBERS would respectfully inform  
the citizens of Newport and vicinity, that  
having procured the services of an experienced  
Plumber, *now well known in this section*, and  
having the largest and most select stock of every  
thing connected with the Plumbing business  
that can be found in this place, they are now  
prepared to execute in the best manner, and on  
REASONABLE terms, any work ever required  
of Plumbers.

We are also prepared to manufacture any and  
all kinds of

COPPER WORK,

having in our employ a Coppersmith who thor-  
oughly understands his business—and in point of  
workmanship second to none in the country.

We keep constantly on hand a good assortment  
of

BLOCK TIN  
Copper and Iron Lift,  
and Lead Pipes,  
SHEET LEAD  
\* OF ALL SIZES.

Pumps repaired and set up in a satisfactory  
manner.

We guarantee that all work in the above  
line shall be promptly and faithfully executed,  
and pledge ourselves to give entire satisfaction to  
all who favor us with a call.

May 18, 1852. BLISS & STANHOPE.

FALL ARRANGEMENT.  
NEWPORT AND PROVIDENCE.

THE steamer PERRY, Capt. WO-  
SEY, will, on and after Monday, Sept  
27th, 1852, leave Newport at 8:30 A.M., leave  
Providence at 2 P.M., fare 75 cents.

Newport and Boston, via Providence and Boston  
Railroad.

Passengers leaving Newport at 8:30 A.M. by  
steamer Perry, will take the 11 A.M. train of  
cars at Providence, and arrive in Boston at 12:45 P.M.

Passengers leaving Boston, via the Boston and  
Providence Railroad, by the 11 A.M. train of  
cars, will take the steamer Perry at Providence  
at 2 P.M., and arrive at Newport at 3:45 P.M.

Passengers and their baggage transported be-  
tween the cars and boat free.

Newport and Worcester, via Providence and  
Worcester Railroad.

Passengers leaving Newport at 8:30 A.M. by  
steamer Perry, will take the 11:30 A.M. train of  
cars at Providence, and arrive in Worcester at 12:45 P.M.

Passengers leaving Worcester by the 11:45 A.M.  
train of cars will take the steamer Perry at Providence,  
at 2 P.M., and arrive in Newport at 3:45 P.M.

Fare between Worcester and Newport \$1.50.

Passengers and their baggage transported be-  
tween the cars and boat free.

Oct. 2.

TIFFANY HINTS TO ALL.

How many have lost a father, a mother, a sis-  
ter, a brother, or an innocent little chattering child  
—and have not even the shadow of a resem-  
blance to look upon. After the separation some  
are kept for years, and cherished as a token of  
remembrance how much more valuable would be  
one of William's perfect Daguerreotype Minia-  
tures of the "loved and lost".

There is scarcely any one who does not take  
pleasure in gazing on the features of a friend, and  
when that friend has been removed by death, we  
often hear the exclamation uttered with an ex-  
pression of pain and regret, "Oh, what would I not  
give for a picture of my friend!"

Reader, perhaps you cannot do a better thing  
now, while your mind is upon the subject, than  
take an hour or two, and go by yourself, or with  
your family, or your friends, and visit the only  
artist in our town; and if not now, you may at  
some future period have reason to feel grateful  
for these "gentle hints" from

J. A. WILLIAMS,  
Daguerreotype Artist

Oct. 26, 1850.

TIFFANY NOTICE.

THE SUBSCRIBER, grateful for past favors,  
and anxious to return a share of patronage,  
has at great expense sent to his

MANUFACTORY,

with the first assortment of SADDLES, TRUNKS,  
and HARNESS, of the most approved patterns,  
all of which he offers at the lowest market  
prices; together with Valises, Whips, Cur-  
ry-Combs and Brushes of various kinds, Trav-  
elling Trunks, of all prices and patterns, Dus-  
ters, Chamis Skins, and every article usually  
found in an establishment of the kind, which  
are warranted of the best workmanship and  
will be furnished at the shortest notice. He  
will call particular attention to the varieties of  
Harness made at this establishment, both for  
single and double teams, and to his superior  
Saddles. Particular attention paid to repairing.

Francis Stanhope.

Corner of Spring and Touro streets.

For further particulars enquire of  
March 22. ANTHONY STEWART.

COTTON MILL.

THE SUBSCRIBERS wish to call the atten-  
tion of their friends and the public generally  
to their Establishment on Tanner street, where  
they keep on hand and are constantly making  
Window frames, Sashes, Blinds, Doors and Fence  
capping, and Mouldings of every description; Pla-  
ming and Sawing of all kinds, such as Joist,  
Plank, boards and Clapboards. All Work war-  
anteed.

Constantly on hand—a good assortment of  
TIN WORK, and a general assortment of articles  
usually found at such an establishment. Every  
article of Tin or Sheet Iron work made at short  
notice, and jobbing and mending attended to with  
peculiar care.

A share of patronage solicited.

Jan. 31. R. E. WILLIAMS, 75 Thames St.

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Orders left with Messrs. FINCH & ENGS. will  
insure attention.

GIDEON LAWTON & CO.

Newport, Sept. 4, 1852.—ly.

VALUABLE EAL ESTATE FOR SALE.

The Estate which has been long  
and widely known as the HIGH  
STREET HOUSE, has been put  
in complete order, having under-  
gone the past winter a thorough repair, both  
within and without. The house is well calcu-  
lated for either a Boarding House or Summer  
Residence. It possesses advantages which are  
seldom found in one estate of the kind, having a  
piazza on the first and second stories, and other  
conveniences attached to the property. The  
lot on which it stands is large and well furnished  
with fruit trees and shrubery. Terms of sale  
made easy to the purchaser.

Also for sale, the large 2 story house now in  
first rate order, situated at the corner of John  
and Spring Streets. Terms made easy.

For particulars apply to

NATHAN HAMMETT, or  
JOSEPH M. HAMMETT.

June 12.

Cotton Factory For Sale.

THE NEWPORT STEAM FACTORY, three  
Stories with two Stories in the roof, built of  
Stone with a Building Two Stories built of Stone  
for a Pickle and Drying Room. The Machinery  
consists of 6000 spindles, 130 Looms and other  
Machinery in proportion with a Steam  
Engine in good order. Also a building 108 feet  
long built of wood two Stories into Basement  
and attic and was built for a Machine Shop.  
Also a Building now occupied as a Foundry with  
a Wharf and two Stories. The Factory can be  
put in operation immediately at a small expense.

For further particulars, apply to

GEORGE BOWEN, Agent.

Newport, May 22, 1852.—ly.

Farm for Sale,  
IN PORTSMOUTH.

THE Farm late the residence of Capt. John  
Stanton, pleasantly situated on the East  
shore of this Island; second farm North of the  
Glen, containing 56 acres, a convenient two story  
house and out buildings, two orchards &c.

For further particulars, enquire of

ISAAC GOULD,

No. 70 Thames street.

Newport, Aug. 9, 1851.

Furnished House To Let.

THE elegantly furnished House  
situated on Washington Square,  
and facing the Mall, one of the  
most beautiful locations in the  
town and the former residence of Levi H. Gale  
Esq., of New Orleans, will be let furnished.

For particulars, enquire at

D. J. N. & H. GOULD,

No. 70, Thames street.

July 3.

TO LET.

THE ROOM on the second floor in the South  
Wing of the Rhode Island Union Bank build-  
ing—recently occupied by the Mechanics' and  
Manufacturers Society of Newport—immediate  
possession given. Apply to

R. P. LEE, Cashier,

of R. I. U. Bank.

GREGORY'S

Boston and California Express.

FOR the transmission of Specie, Bullion,  
Monetary & Commercial, safe and dis-  
patch, per steamer leaving New York and  
San Francisco, via the Isthmus of Panama, and  
the route through Nicaragua.

JOHN LYON & CO., Agents.

Jan. 4. 190 Thames-st., Newport.

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